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Case Docket No. ENDIUS.033A

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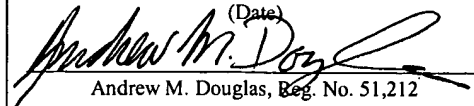
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gene DiPoto
App. No. : 10/693,663
Filed : October 24, 2003
For : METHODS AND
APPARATUSES FOR
FIXATION OF THE SPINE
THROUGH AN ACCESS
DEVICE
Group Art Unit : 3732

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(Date)


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

ATTENTION: MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(f), which was mailed by the Office on February 2, 2004, enclosed are:

- (X) An executed Declaration by Inventor.
- (X) A Power of Attorney Form and Copy of Assignment.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- (X) A Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers along with the attached 9 sheets of replacement drawings.
- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 listing ninety-nine (99) references; with only twenty-three (23) references being submitted herewith.

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(X) A Notice to File Missing Parts.

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

(X) Fees as calculated below:

FILING FEE	\$ 770
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SURCHARGE 37 CFR 1.16(e)	\$ + 130
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS	\$ 900
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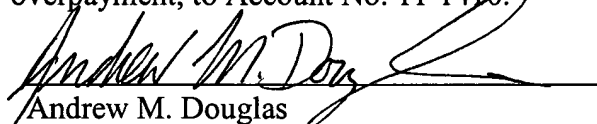
REDUCTION BY ½ FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY.

Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28. If applicable, verified statement must be attached. \$ - 450

TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HERewith	\$ 450
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(X) A check in the amount of \$450 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.


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